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Eleven Iowa School Districts Receive Funds to Offer Supplemental Educational Services

Grant to help districts provide services to increase student achievement

DES MOINES, Iowa – The Iowa Department of Education today announces that 11 Iowa school districts will receive grant funds to provide supplemental strategies and educational services to increase student achievement.

The Supplemental Strategies and Educational Services Grant Program (Senate File 588) is a \$2.5 million competitive, legislative-apportioned grant that provides funds to local school districts for the provision of supplemental strategies and educational services to students who do not meet grade-level expectations established by the school districts for English-language arts, social studies, mathematics and science. These activities include, but are not limited to:

- Supplemental instruction provided by a district-employed teacher in one or more of the core courses and offered during the school day, before or after school or during the summer;
- Tutoring by a district-employed paraprofessional supervised by a district-employed teacher and offered during the school day, before or after school or during the summer;
- Summer courses or remedial programs provided by a district-employed teacher;
- Supplemental instruction or tutoring delivered by a private service provider before, during, after or summer school programming.

The school districts receiving one-year grants and the amounts of each award are:

Anthon-Oto Community School District: \$31,205.44 Bedford Community School District: \$90,118.18 Clinton Community School District: \$210,666.82

Davenport Community School District: \$500,000.00

Des Moines Public Schools: \$247,695.70

Dubuque Community School District: \$301,994.84 Keokuk Community School District: \$321,498.70 Oskaloosa Community School District: \$148,968.00 Iowa Department of Education News Release Page 2 of 2

Sioux City Community School District: \$290,922.82 Storm Lake Community School District: \$87,957.82 Van Buren Community School District: \$267,505.82

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